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IMPACT OF PERSISTENT RIGHT TO LEFT SHUNT IN DEVICE-OCCLUDED ATRIAL SEPTAL DEFECTS

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Background: Percutaneous device occlusion is the gold standard for repair of secundum atrial septal defects (ASD). The prevalence and impact of residual shunt after device closure is poorly understood.

Methods: From a prospective, single institution database of 447 patients undergoing ASD device closure, we identified 414 patients with technically adequate bubble studies prior to closure. Follow-up echos were available at 1 month in 373, 3 months in 315 and 1 year in 220 patients. Survival in the latter cohort was assessed through careful review of electronic medical records and confirmed using the Social Security Death Index.

Results: Right to left shunting (RLS) was present in 14% at 1 month, 16% at 3 months and 14% at 1 year. Patients with RLS at 1 year were similar to those without shunt in age, gender, ASD size (22 ± 6 vs 21 ± 13), hemodynamics and comorbidities. RLS patients were more likely to be Caucasian (77% vs 46%, $p=0.003$). More patients with RLS tended to have enlarged right atria (75% vs 54%, $p=0.093$) and right ventricles (93% vs 79%, $p=0.118$) at baseline. During follow-up 3 patients with RLS underwent re-attempt at closure and 2 underwent surgery. Over a median follow-up of 6.7 years, 17% with RLS at 1 year died compared to 4% without shunt ($p=0.014$). Kaplan-Meier analysis was similarly significant (Graph). Hazard ratio for RLS was 3.6 (95% confidence interval 1.1 to 11.4, $p=0.041$).

Conclusion: Persistent shunt after device closure of secundum ASD is common and appears to negatively impact long-term survival.

